

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The U.S. House of Representatives will likely vote tomorrow on a Medicare prescription drug benefit. The Republicans will bring up their plan, H.R. 4954, and the Democrats will offer an alternative plan on the House floor. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) is committed to providing a comprehensive benefit that is affordable and dependable for all beneficiaries with no gaps or gimmicks in coverage.

Additionally, many seniors are confused about what the debate means personally, and, in particular, about the different benefits that will be offered by the Republican and Democratic prescription drug plans. A new drug savings calculator is available to seniors on the following web site: <http://www.house.gov/reform/min/>. This calculator allows any senior to estimate what their annual savings would be under the Democratic and Republican prescription drug bills.